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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

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2. We believe we are the original, first, and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

3. We have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.
4. We acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to the patentability of this application as defined by Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.
5. We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. §119(a)-(d) or §365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or §365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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We hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

NONE

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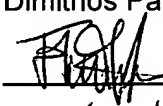
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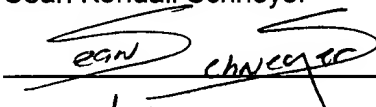
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8. We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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